

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
January 8, 2014 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller, Douglas A. Curtis and Crawford Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Douglass – Administrator; Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney; Karen Kissiah – The Cheraw Chronicle; Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director; Deepal Eliatamby – Alliance Consulting Engineers; Jamie Frost – Alliance Consulting Engineers; Amy Feistel – Sandblast Rally; Tim Eubanks – Public Works Director; Leighton Bell – The Link and Robert Gordon. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and asked Council Member Bruce E. Rivers to open the meeting with prayer.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition Program that is designed to honor the County's Employees. The program will recognize years of service beginning at five years and following in five year increments. Council recognized the following employees were recognized and presented with their Certificates:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u># of Years</u>
Robert Gordon	Road Department	12/21/98	15 Years

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the January 8, 2014 meeting agenda with any amendments approved by Council. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Council Member Moore made a motion to nominate Council Member J. Matthew Rivers as Chairman. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Council Member Moore made a motion to nominate Council Member Lenora V. Powe as Vice-Chair. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 4, 2013

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt the December 4, 2013 Regular meeting minutes. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. 2014 Sandblast Rally – Amy Feistel

Amy Feistel appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2014 Sandblast Rally on March 1, 2014. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to approve the use of the specified roads to run the annual 2014 Sandblast Rally. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Cheraw/Cash Fire District Protection Ordinance - Public Hearing

Council Member Powe made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Cheraw/Cash Fire District Protection Ordinance – 3rd Reading

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. 2013 State of the County – Chairman Rivers

Chairman Rivers gave Council a year end closing State of the County Summary. See attached State of the County 2013.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

Notification Procedure for lowering Flag – Douglass

Informed Council that the County has implemented a procedure to ensure government notification regarding Flag Status for both the State and the American Flag.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Johnson – None

Council Member Plyler – None

Council Member Moore – None

Council Member Cole – None

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers – None

Council Member Curtis – Asked about status of bridge being named in honor of Deputy Darryl Quick and also had a question as to whether or not Solicitor will be paying rent for the office space his office will occupy in the Western Auto.

Council Member Miller: None

Vice-Chair Powe: Pee Dee COG has money available and will be resurfacing intersection at the Piggly Wiggly in Chesterfield and resurfacing five miles of Highway #1.

Administrator Douglass: None

Chairman Rivers: Remind everyone of Mayor's Political Update on January 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the YMCA Conference Center.

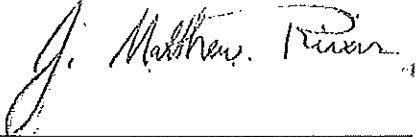
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not enter Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:



J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE: February 5, 2014

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
CPST WORKSHOP
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
January 8, 20149:00 A.M.**

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and opened the workshop

ORDER OF BUSINESS – Chairman Rivers

Chairman Rivers advised that this was a Capital Sales Tax Project Workshop and was similar to the discussions that Council had last month when the advisors came to Council and some other entities and asked that they forward lists of projects to them and that is the purpose of this workshop.

Chairman Rivers advised that he didn't know what the best procedure would be but he suggested they go around the table one by one and see what projects each one is interested in and then go back around and discuss the projects.

Council Member Johnson: Stated he would get in on the next round that he would like to see what the others had to say.

Council Member Moore: Advised he would like to have sidewalks put in down Moffatt Road. He stated that a lot of kids walk to school in that area and he was afraid someone was going to get hit.

There was some discussion on the length of the area Council Member Moore would like to see paved.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: Advised he didn't know of anything that he could suggest that would be beneficial for the entire county so he didn't have anything. He stated they had to keep in mind that the voters of this county are going to have to approve anything that makes this list.

Council Member Miller: Stated he didn't have anything at this time and that he had been listening to some of the citizens in the county about different things but he didn't have anything at this time.

Chairman Rivers: Stated that he would like to submit the paving of Harden Swamp Road and that he would also include for suggestion paving McDonald Circle and Sub-division off of McMillan Road.

Tim Eubanks: Advised that those street names are Vista Lane, Clearview, Briarcliff, Briarcrest, and Brandtview and McDonald Circle.

Vice-Chair Powe: Advised she would like to put the paving of Highway 9 from Chesterfield to Pageland on the list. She would also like to place fire hydrants in the Cash Community and a sidewalk from Cheraw High to Tec.

There was some discussion regarding Highway #9 and countywide fire hydrants.

Council Member Curtis: Advised that he felt the projects that had been talked about were worthy projects but in order for them to make the priority list it has got to meet the most needs of as many people as possible and the only two that he could think of that has the most possibility of touching everyone in the county at some time or another would be the Sheriff's Department's new building and the Animal Services building because he didn't know how else they were going to pay for it.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the Sheriff's Department's new building and the Animal Services Building.

Council Member Johnson: Advised that he would like to add Cross Roads Church Road, Carley Circle Road and extension off of Tory Road to the list of projects.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: Advised that at present the Chesterfield County Fire Fighters Association which consists of 13 fire departments are working on a project with the engineers to come up with a project to submit and they are having a meeting today to try to finalize it. He advised the Fire Fighters Association is looking at submitting a project which is a facility to train all of the fire fighters and EMS personnel. That would consist of your Rescue Squad members and the EMS personnel that needs certification updates and the training facility would be inclusive with all of that and also a burn tower that is needed for the various fire departments rather than them having to go out of town and rent other facilities for this training.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the Fire Fighters Association's project for a training facility.

Council Member Curtis: Stated he would like to make a motion that the Sheriff's Department and the Animal Services be placed as first priority and if Council Member Bruce E. Rivers wanted to group the Fire Fighters Association's project in with these and add them to the list, that he felt it was a well worthy project and he made that motion.

Chairman Rivers: Stated they could do the motion but he felt it would be best for everyone to talk about these projects.

After a lot of discussion, Chairman Rivers advised that there was a motion to include the fire building with the Sheriff's Departments Building and the Animal Services building.

Council Member Curtis: Stated that he was going to leave that up to Council Member Bruce E. Rivers but he felt it should be the county's priority.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: Stated he would agree with Council Member Curtis and seconded the motion of Council Member Curtis.

Chairman Rivers: With the fire building in it?

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: Yes.

Council Member Johnson: What was your motion again Mr. Curtis?

Council Member Curtis: What I would like to see this county do is, we got to prioritize our list. I feel like the Sheriff's Department and Animal Services has more priority than the paving of a road and that is what I would like to see this county have at the top of their list. I think Mr. Rivers (Council Member Bruce E. Rivers) project is a worthwhile project but I don't think it can be a stand alone project because they have got to own the building, maintain the upkeep, pay the employees and the Fire Fighter's Association does not own any property that I am aware of, is that correct? I'm thinking it would have to be a sponsored project.

Chairman Rivers: Mr. Curtis let me ask you on that motion you have three projects, which one is 1-2-3?

Council Member Curtis: The Animal Services is #1, Sheriff's Department #2 and if fire fighters project qualifies #3.

There was more discussion about training of fire fighters.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: I will be glad to withdraw my second on yours.

Council Member Curtis: No, I certainly don't want you to withdraw your second but with all the unknowns, would you still second the motion without the training facility in the motion?

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: I will.

Council Member Curtis: Alright, I'll rephrase the motion, Animal Services# 1 and Sheriff's Department # 2, that's my motion.

Chairman Rivers: That's the motion do we have a second?

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: I'll second the motion.

There was discussion on County wide rescue.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: Stated that the fire facility was not part of the motion that Mr. Curtis made that the motion made was for the Animal Shelter and the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Rivers: He's got a motion on the floor, let's hear the motion. He has asked to make it one and two, one being the Animal Services building and two being the Sheriff's Department's building. All those in favor signify by saying I.

Council Members Curtis, Bruce E. Rivers, Johnson, Miller and Cole: I.

Chairman Rivers: Let's do a hand vote. 1-2-3-4-5, it passes.

Chairman Rivers: Those opposed, nay.

Council Members Powe, Moore and Plyler: Nay.

Chairman Rivers: We are down to #3-15, whose got a suggestion for #3?

Vice-Chair Powe: I think the sidewalks should be.

Deepal Eliatamby: You can package the sidewalks.

There was some discussions regarding the roads.

Motion was made by Chairman Rivers to place Harden Swamp Road and Cross Roads Church Road as #3 on project list. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Johnson, Moore, Miller, Powe, Cole, Curtis, Plyler and Chairman Rivers. Voting in opposition of the motion was Council Member Bruce E. Rivers. Motion passed.

There was more discussion on the Highway #9 project.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to put Highway #9 as #4 on the project list. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Discussion on fire hydrants.

Vice-Chair Powe made a motion to place countywide fire hydrants as #5 on projects list. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Plyler made a motion to place Sports Complex in McBee as #6 on project list. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman Rivers: Is there a motion to then include the roads in sequential order inverse to the size thereafter, in other words, the smallest project of the roads will be the #8, the next biggest #9, blank, blank, blank. Is there a motion to that effect?

Council Member Johnson made a motion to place roads in sequential order inverse to the size thereafter as #8 on the projects list. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman Rivers: Administrator, if you will read the list back out to us.

Administrator Douglass: #1 Animal Services; #2 Sheriff's Department Administrative Building; #3 Harden Swamp Road and Cross Roads Church Road, bundled together; #4 Highway #9 project; #5 Countywide fire hydrants; #6 Sports Complex in McBee; #7 two sidewalks; #8 Is the remaining roads in order of the length. Is that correct?

Chairman Rivers: Correct.

There was more discussion on the fire facility and the list was reviewed. There was also more discussion on the Animal Shelter and Sheriff's Department's building.

COUNCIL MEMBER CURTIS LEFT THE WORKSHOP DUE TO A PRIOR APPOINTMENT.

Chairman Rivers: Council voted for Sheriff to go forward on that project to do the addition, to go forward with the armory. How can we turn around and say let's put this building on this list. The new building will be built before this list comes out. He will only be Interim Sheriff until the end of the year and they are working on it now. My position is if it passed and we had it built, we can't give a list to the voters saying reimburse us for the building we just built. It's got to be for infrastructure to be built.

Chairman Rivers: The motion would be to withdraw the Sheriff, the Animal Control building and the fire hydrant issue. Those would be taken off the list. We would at the same time entertain adding to the list within one week the issue of the fire building after we hear from the fire departments. We can do that by telephone. What could we do with that Heath, reserve the fire department for one week without having a formal meeting?

Attorney Heath Ruffner: You could always go ahead and add it to the list and if you decide you don't want it on there, you could then informally tell the commission we submitted it but

Chairman Rivers: I say make it #1 and lets include it.

Council Member Miller: I make that a motion.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: I want to make a motion to move forward with the Animal Shelter down there on #9. I know you and I disagree on that but I think that's the best place. It needs to be there and we have already made that decision.

Chairman Rivers: That's not what we are talking about.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: No, I will agree. Take it off the list.

Chairman Rivers: Really?

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: Absolutely. You got to take a stand some where.

Chairman Rivers: Take the fire thing off the list? Don't put the fire thing on the list?

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: Take it off.

Chairman Rivers: Well, do we want to meet in a week after we hear from the fire thing?

Council Member Miller: Yes, if we need to.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: That's up to you.

Chairman Rivers: Let's hear back from them within a week.

Council Member Johnson: I got no problem with us meeting. I think that's a very important issue. I think we should just wait to the end to decide all of this, let Mr. Curtis be a part of it.

Chairman Rivers: I disagree with all that but we have a motion on the floor to reconsider those three and to come back within a week. Mr. Rivers we should be having an answer on that within a week shouldn't we?

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers: Yes, sir.

Council Member Johnson: Mr. Chairman, now if we vote on this, what are you going to put as #1?

Chairman Rivers: I imagine we just slide up the list.

More discussion and review of list.


Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to reconsider the previous motion/vote on the Sheriff's Building and Animal Shelter and remove the Sheriff's Building, Animal Shelter and fire hydrants from list and within one week decide on adding the Fire Fighter Training Facility to the list. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members Moore, Miller, Bruce E. Rivers, Powe, Cole and Plyler. Voting against the motion was Council Member Johnson. Motion passed. (Council Member Curtis was not present at time of this vote)

Chairman Rivers: With the understanding we can meet back on this other one when we get some more information.

ADJOURN

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:


J. Matthew Rivers, Chairman
Date: February 5, 2014

ATTEST:


Susie Boswell, Clerk to Council